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THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD. LONDON.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED. *General Agents.*

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 10,500,000
RESERVE FUND..... 6,960,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

KOBE.	NEW YORK.
LONDON.	LYONS.
SAN FRANCISCO.	HONOLULU.
BOMBAY.	SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
PARRS' BANK, LD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

S. CHOH,
Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [382

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS£800,000
RESERVE FUND£450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ...3½ "
" " " 3 " ...2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON.	HANKOW.
CHEFOO.	PEKING.
CHINKIANG.	SWATOW.
FOOCHOW.	TIENTSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3 % per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 % " " 6 "
5 % " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [1237

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq.
J. T. Lauts, Esq. | Chow TungShang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND$ 9,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPTORS.$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING,—Chairman.
R. M. GRAY,—Deputy Chairman.
C. Beurmann, Esq.
David Gubbay, Esq. | A. I. Raymond, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq. | P. Sachse, Esq.
R. H. Hill, Esq. | R. Shewan, Esq.
A. McConachie, Esq. | N. A. Siebs, Esq.
CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE-GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [9

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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FOR	STEAMER	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL	REMARK
LONDON, &c.	*Ballaarat*†	C. L. W. Feild	Noon, 18th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	*Rohilla**	S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	4 P.M., 18th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	*Parramatta*	C. F. Preston, R.N.R.	About 18th Feb.	Freight or Passage.

* (Passing through the Inland Sea). † (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [5

D. C. L.

OLD TOM GIN } $7 per doz.
DRY GIN }

SOLE AGENT:
H. PRICE & Co.
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1899. [20

AQUARIUS

SPARKLING MINERAL TABLE WATER

(Manufactured from Treble Distilled Water)

Telephone No. 75.

IS the most suitable for mixing with Wines and Spirits; neither discolours them nor changes their flavour, as is so often the case with those Mineral Table Waters which contain iron and other salts.

"A PERFECT TABLE WATER."

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
AGENTS,
AQUARIUS COMPANY.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1899. [15

CURRY

TRY THE CURRY AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36

W. POWELL & CO.

WOOL SHAWLS
AND
TRAVELLING WRAPS.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1899. [27

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

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SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.

27] DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

PEAK HOTEL
AND
CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea Level.
CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK HOTEL.
Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter.
Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA,
Manager.

CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [28

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TANSAN.

FLETCHER & CO.
and
CARMICHAEL & CO.

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W. BREWER & CO.

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JUST LANDED.

NEW STOCK LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S WALKING BOOTS AND SHOES,

(these are the very best quality Northampton make).

NEW STOCK SPENCER'S MADRAS INDIAN CIGARS.
ANGLO-EGYPTIAN CIGARETTE CO.'S
CIGARETTES.
These have now the largest Sale of any Egyptian Cigarette made: and are in hermetically sealed tins.

AMERICAN TOBACCOS.

Two Seas Aromatic Cut Plug	½ lb. Jars.		
Golden Square Mixture	¼ lb. Tins.	Raleigh Cut Plug	¼ lb. Tins.
Richmond Club	"	English Bird's Eye	"

A Large Collection of
BRITISH COLONIAL, FOREIGN RARE, SHANGHAI & CHINA LOCAL STAMPS.
1223] QUEEN'S ROAD, Under HONGKONG HOTEL.

A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

BOVRIL AS A BEVERAGE

contains in a highly concentrated and easily digestible form the direct nourishment of prime ox beef. invigorating the healthy and strengthening invalids; whilst, for preparing sustaining Soups, Rich Gravies, Savoury Sauces, Croquettes, Rissoles and all Entrees, nothing equals

BOVRIL IN THE KITCHEN.

14] WATKINS & CO., Sole Agents.

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTRY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHAGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.
Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale
by
THE PETER SYS COMPANY,
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),
9, Old China Street,
Shanghai.

12th October, 1898. [1242

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

(NOTICE OF CALL.)

NOTICE is hereby given that, at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the above Company held at No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the Sixth day of December, 1898, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

"That a FIRST and FINAL CALL of "TEN DOLLARS ($10) per SHARE, upon "all the SHAREHOLDERS in the above "Company, in respect of all the shares "held by them in the above Company, be "and the same is hereby made. Such "CALL to be PAID to the Company at "their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND "SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, "Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of March, "1899."

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
General Agents,
THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. [1a

Insurances.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 18th day of February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1898.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [121a

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 4th to the 18th day of February next, (both Days inclusive) during which Period NO TRANSFER of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [122a

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 4, Praya Central, at 11 o'clock, on MONDAY, the 20th February for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [170a

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 27th February, 1899, at 12 o'clock Noon for the Purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1899. [153a

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on WEDNERDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1899. [146a

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 13th March, at Twelve o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th instant to the 13th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [210a

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS.

SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSION TO MACAO.

WEATHER permitting and sufficient inducement offering, the Steamer "HONAM" will leave for MACAO, on SUNDAY, the 19th February, at 9 A.M., and on the Return Trip will leave Macao at 10 P.M.

The GRAND PROCESSION of the CROSS is announced to take place in the afternoon.

Special Fare $2 return.
No Single or Second Class Fares.
Chinese Servants, 50 cents each way.
Bicycles 30 cents each.

TICKETS may be purchased at the COMPANY'S OFFICES or on board the Steamer before she leaves.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1899. [223a

LECTURE.

MR. GRANVILLE SHARP has kindly consented to deliver an Address, on "CHINA, ANGLO-AMERICA AND CORN," in the ST. ANDREW'S HALL, on MONDAY, the 20th of February, at 5.15 P.M.

The MEETING will be open to the Public and Ladies are invited.

Colonel EVATT will take the Chair.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.
HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1899. [232a

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.

THERE will be a COMPETITION for the above TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.
RANGES.—200 and 300 yards.
Seven Shots and one Sighter.
Conditions as usual.
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [35

BIJOU THEATRE.

RECLAMATION GROUND, WEST POINT.

TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 18th February, 1899,
at 4 P.M.

Last but one Matinee of
D'ARC'S MARIONETTES.

BLUE BEARD } Door open at 3 P.M.
BLUE BEARD } Commence at 4 P.M.
BLUE BEARD }

Children under 12, and Amahs half-price to all parts except Boxes and Gallery.

at 9 P.M.
GRAND FASHIONABLE COMMAND NIGHT,
UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE AND IMMEDIATE PRESENCE OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES SIR
HENRY AND LADY BLAKE,
AND A PARTY FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Gigantic Gubernatorial Programme.

Prices as Usual. PLAN at ROBINSON'S.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [118a

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [233a

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAKOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"KWANGSE,"
Captain Harris, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [235a

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "DORIC."
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [2

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"LIV,"
Captain H. F. Jacob, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd instant, at 2.30 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [234a

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"PARRAMATTA,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., *ex* S.S. *Oceana*.
From Australia, *ex* S.S. *Australia*.
From Persian Gulf, *ex* B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co's Steamers.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M., TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [1-w.5

LIGHT YOUR LAMPS WITH
"SNOWFLAKE" KEROSINE OIL
150°
which gives a very Brilliant Light and does not emit a bad odour as other inferior brands of oil.
H. RUTTONJEE,
13 & 15, D'Aguilar Street,
Hongkong, and
21 & 22, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1899. [165

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

PORTS
(For Invalids and General Use.)

	Per doz. Case.
B.—VINTAGE, superior quality, Red Capsule	$14.40
C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule.....	16.20
D.—VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE extra superior, Violet Capsule *(Old Bottled)*	20.40

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These Wines are too favourably known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

MARRIAGE.

At Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 8th of February, 1899, HARRY FORRESTER, only son of the late Charles Gordon Forrester, of Stafford, to ARABELLA PEPPER, younger daughter of the late John Pepper, of Bolton, Lancs.—No cards.

DEATH.

At 14, Mohawk Road, Shanghai, on the 8th February, SELBY LOVETT DARBY, aged 32 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE POST OFFICE.

Captain HASTINGS' appointment to the Post Office is a move in the right direction. He is not a "ten to four" man. Whatever he has to do, he does it zealously and with all his power, and, as he is possessed of brains and knowledge and considerable ability as an organiser, what he has to do is sure to be done well. Of course he will make mistakes. The man who makes no mistakes, makes nothing. The public are fully prepared to wait a little before any great improvement can be effected in Postal arrangements. The work has been so badly done since the late incumbent took office and the department so thoroughly disorganised that it cannot be reformed and put on a proper footing in a day, or even in a week. The public are fully prepared, too, to help in every way, either by way of suggestion, or by intelligent complaints. There is no use in complaining unless facts are stated fully and clearly and names, dates and places accurately given. Envelopes should always be returned with complaints of mis-delivery or delay in delivery, and care should be taken before complaining to make sure that one's own clerks and servants are not to blame.

If any good work, however, is to be done in the Post Office money must be spent on it. The staff is miserably insufficient and decidedly underpaid. The profits from the Post Office should be devoted wholly and entirely to improving the efficiency of the service.

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KOWLOON'S WANT.

It is now over two years since the Kowloon School, after suffering many vicissitudes, was closed, and since then Kowloon has been without a school at which European children could attend and receive a fair general education. It may have been that the school was started in the first instance before Kowloon was sufficiently developed to support such an institution, but this drawback now no longer exists and the rate at which the suburb is growing makes the question of education for the children one of daily increasing importance. There are certainly considerably over fifty children now living in Kowloon who are of an age to attend any school that may be opened, and, were educational facilities provided, it is almost certain that many parents at present living in Hongkong would be induced to remove to Kowloon on account of the freedom from Chinese surroundings and the opportunities for healthy outdoor exercise enjoyed there, which are lacking in the City. We would recommend this want on the part of Kowloon to the consideration of Sir HENRY BLAKE, feeling confident that the subject is one of the greatest possible moment.

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A PLEA FOR DUSTBINS.

While on the subject of Kowloon we should like to draw the attention of the Sanitary authorities to the fact that many of the houses appear to possess no means of disposing of kitchen or garden refuse. That very useful institution the dustbin does not seem to have found its way to Kowloon as yet, with the result that refuse is in many cases deposited outside the front gate and there left to await the arrival of the dust cart. This method of disposing of rubbish may recommend itself to the occupants of the houses referred to but is decidedly bad from a sanitary point of view. It is not pleasant to see heaps of cinders and decaying cabbage leaves deposited at the roadside, for the cabbage leaves are unsavory and the dust from the cinders gets blown about the roads and over passing pedestrians, while coolies are to be seen picking the heaps over for any scraps that they may take a fancy to, and so spreading the rubbish about as to make it difficult for the dust carts to collect it. This is a state of affairs that might be easily remedied; dustbins do not cost any very great sum and our Sanitary Authorities could easily insist upon each residence being supplied with one.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, February 15th.

The Washington Senate has adopted, by 26 to 22, a resolution declaring that the ratification of the Peace Treaty does not imply the permanent annexation of the Philippines but is intended to prepare the islands for Self Government.

FRANCE.

All Officers of the Army have been invited to join a league called the "Partie (? Patrie,) Française."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 17th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has fallen in the Sea of Japan, risen on the E. coast of China. Pressure is highest in N. China, and the depression, now in E. Japan, continues moving to the N.E. Gradients moderate with strong monsoon on the coast, slight with moderate monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—Fresh N.E. winds; dull, rainy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

IT is stated that the Bank of Korea, projected by Mr. Omiya Chybei, Baron Ozaki Saburo and others, will be started next May at Seoul.

THE Football Committee have decided that the time of kick-off for the remaining matches in the second round shall be not later than half-past four.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley in the second round for the Hongkong Football Challenge shield the Victoria Recreation Club will play 25th Company, Eastern Division, R.A. Kick-off at half-past four. Referee:—Mr. Oliver.

WE heartily congratulate our worthly Chief Justice, Sir John Carrington on the success attained by his son, Mr. C. W. Carrington, Captain of King's School, Canterbury, who, we hear, has just been elected to an open classical scholarship at Oriel College, Oxford.

THE team to represent the V. R. C. against the 25th Co., E. D., R.A., to-morrow in the shield tie, will be:—*Goal*:—Brett. *Backs*:—Tuohy and Corveth. *Halves*:—Howarth, Craig and Cameron. *Forwards*:—Seth, Henderson, Yule, Sutton and Rose. To be played on the Club's ground. Kick-off 4.30 prompt.

A PORTION of the Pekin Syndicate Expedition has already left Shanghai for Hankow, consisting of Major Brazier Creagh, Capt. McSwiney, Mr. C. D. Jamisson and Signor Poratesi; and the rest will leave shortly. The party will go overland from Hankow to Siang-yang, and from thence up along the line of the proposed new railway through upper Honan and Shansi.

FOR the first time in eighteen years, owing to the exceptionally low state of the Yangtsze River and the very low tides, the water supply of Shanghai has been much interrupted; as the Waterworks Company has not been able to get the receiving reservoirs full enough for a complete service. It is however expected that the partial break will not last beyond a day or two.

IT is said that the average Britisher is never happy unless he has something to complain of, and the Hongkong Public should at the present moment feel that their cup of happiness is full. For months we have been complaining of want of rain and now that the rain shows itself we murmer and say that it will spoil the races. The banyan trees, not being British, appear to appreciate the welcome moisture and are already sending out delicate new shoots to greet it. What a price some folks would have given for their late thirst!

A SMALL fire occured on Honan Road, Shanghai, on the morning of the 8th instant at two o'clock. The Fire Brigade were in attendance, but were placed at a disadvantege owing to the insufficient water supply. "The fire was eventually extinguished and there was very little damage done, except three houses being destroyed," says a Shanghai paper in reporting the matter. Apparently Shanghai is growing so used to fires that anything less than the destruction of a dozen houses is not deemed worthy of notice.

ONE would imagine that the big cruiser *Powerful* was by this time far too well-known to allow of any other vessel on the station being mistaken for her. That this is not the case, however, is evidenced by the fact that she is reported by a northern contemporary as having left Nagasaki for Wei-hai-wei the other day. For the information of our northern and Japanese readers we may mention that the *Powerful* has four funnels and is the only British ship at present on this station painted black. She was lying at her buoy in Hongkong harbour at the time that she is reported to have left Nagasaki.

FORMOSA UNDER JAPANESE ADMINISTRATION.

(Communicated.)

On Japan's acquisition of Formosa, Christendom looked on with fear and suspicion, wondering how she, yet inexperienced in colonial and territorial administration, would administer her newly acquired "Unruly Island," as Li Hung Chang calls it. Since the signing of the Shimonoseki Treaty four years have elapsed, and during that short period Formosa has seen its Governor General changed four times; and with the changes of the heads naturally followed changes in the policy and manner of administration. Politicians at home were busy with party struggles, and the subject of Formosa was discussed with the eyeglass of party politics. Misgovernment, corruption and frequent rebellion were the consequent results.

But the present state of Formosa seems quite promising. The present Governor General, Baron Kodama, is a man of character; his ability as a general has already been tried in the late Chino-Japanese war. Entrusted with the management of sending supplies and reinforcements to the seat of war, all his efforts were crowned with success, and on the close of the war he was honoured by the Emperor with a baronetcy and the order of the third class of the Golden Kite. But Baron Kodama is by no means a mere strategist; his long tenure of the office of Vice Minister of War testifies to his tact as a statesman. Sagacious, firm, and at the same time of a generous nature, the broadness of his views and the minuteness and system of his plans and thought at once reveal the enlightened type of his mind.

Since the present Governor General has taken up the reins of government in Formosa, after careful observations of local customs and manners, and paying due regard to the traditions and habits of the natives he has steadily tried by kind and virtuous administration to gain the goodwill of the people, and even towards disturbers of the peace he has taken pains to avoid as much as possible cruel and bloody suppression, but rather to win submission from them by other means. In the northern part of the island these rebels have been almost swept away, or become obedient subjects, and are now engaged as coolies or in other lawful occupations. In the central and southern portions of the island, where the strong hand of the Governor General has not yet fully reached, and where the ferocity of the bandits has compelled him to draw sword for the good of the inhabitants he has not hesitated to chastise the rebels severely. In such cases it may have happened that innocent blood was shed, over which his critics make much fuss. Such outcries are, however, not worth heeding, as the history of warfare of every nation will illustrate well that innocent blood is sometimes mingled with that of the rebellious, especially in such a case as that of the subjugation of the Formosan raiders, who commit outrages everywhere and at any time. Moreover, when we examine the source of these outcries and attacks upon the present administration, it is not difficult to discover their real meaning.

Baron Kodama on his assuming the governorship of Formosa immediately saw that great reform was needed in its finance as well as in the administration itself. In the first place the officers of government were too numerous and this was the cause of indolence and of great and useless expenditure. Again there were a number of unscrupulous merchants and fortune-hunters who, utilizing dishonest officers, sought to get lucrative contracts from Government. To purify this polluted air, Baron Kodama, with great determination, dismissed a great number of officers and introduced reform into the administration. These dismissed officers and disappointed adventurers, seeing their means of livelihood taken from them, make incendiary attacks upon the present administration.

But General Kodama is not a man to be dismayed by such an opposition. He has already succeeded in purifying the once corrupted Government, and in reducing to order the lawless aborigines. Now he has to begin the work of civilization and the development the resources of the island. We hear that a bill for raising a loan of sixty million yen is soon to be submitted by the Imperial Government to the Diet. The loan is to be raised within a period of ten years, and the money is to be used for the construction of railroads, harbours, waterworks, government offices and other civilizing agencies in Formosa. The bill it is said was originally framed by Baron Kodama and his subordinate and fellow worker Dr. Goto, the Chief of the Administrative Bureau. Dr. Goto served at home in the Home Office and had charge of its Sanitary Bureau. Bold, energetic and open hearted, his long experience as a civil officer and his talent for organization well befit him for the important and difficult post to which he has been raised. He brought the bill to Tokyo and is now making all his efforts to get it passed smoothly through the Diet. If the bill passes through the Diet, as it should, it will be an instrument for bestowing incalculable good not only upon Formosa itself, but upon all the neighbouring countries. By this means thousands of men without occupation will find work, and thus Formosa will be relieved of its disturbing element, and the Government will find its way smooth and easy. By this means the development of commerce and the industries of the island will be greatly facilitated and not only the foreign merchants now engaged in business there, but traders of every nation, will reap the benefit accruing therefrom. By this means the welfare and happiness of the islanders will be increased to an extent they never dreamed of under Chinese rule. Among the provisions of the bill the one thing to be lamented is that the amount of money said to be appropriated for the construction of waterworks is too scanty. In such a land as Formosa, where epidemic diseases are prevalent, and consequently a supply of good water is so much needed, economy in expenditure for sanitary purposes is not a wise policy. Whatever defects, however, might be pointed out in the provisions of the bill, no one will doubt that the plan proposed is the only effective means of developing and civilizing Formosa. We join with all wellwishers for Japan in hoping that the Imperial Diet will soon show its measure of wisdom and foresight by giving consent to the bill. Such in brief is the present and future prospect of Formosa.

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LD.

We are informed by Messrs. Lutzens, Einstmann & Co. (General Agents of the Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ld.) that, owing to the misuse of a codeword by the manager at the mines, the result of the clean up was wrongly stated as 288 ozs. instead of 18 ozs. In reply to a telegram inquiring what the bullion had realised, Mr. Georg wires:—

"18 lbs.: I have made a mistake; should read thus—18 oz. The mill has run 21 days, Eastern crushing entirely wrecked. Foul play; probably chemicals. Should yield at least 8 dwts. per ton. I have already recommenced battery, Zulu. Every precaution has been taken to secure. 400 tons Zulu should yield at least 500 ozs."

The telegrams can be seen by shareholders at the office of the Company.

QUEEN MINES, LIMITED.

The first general statutory meeting of the Queen's Mines, Ltd., was held to-day at the company's offices, Nos. 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central. Mr. H. Humphreys presided. The others present were:—Messrs J. A. Jupp, S. Rustomjee, W. D. Jupp, A. P. Nobos, A. H. Mancell, Sin Tak Fan, and W. C. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, this is a Statutory Meeting which we are obliged to hold within four months from the date of the formation of the company. The Company was registered on the 18th October last, and as you know was formed for the purpose of taking over the assets and liabilities of the new Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited, (in Liquidation) for the sum of $25,000, to be paid and satisfied by the issue to the shareholders of that Company, of 100,000 shares of 25 cents each in Queen Mines, Limited, and for the further development of certain mining properties held by them, situate at Mount McDonald in New South Wales, Australia, more particularly that property known as the 'Queen of the Mount' Mine. This arrangement has been duly effected and the shares are being issued as fast as we receive applications from the Liquidator of the New Balmoral Company. When we took over the properties in the 'Queen of the Mount' Mine a shaft had been sunk to a depth of 400 feet. We got to work as soon as possible, and after pumping the water out of the shaft, chambers were cut and cross-cuts commenced both East and West, with a view of intercepting the reef at this level. After about six weeks work a reef was cut in the West cross-cut, three feet wide, which we have since learned, on assay, proved to be of an average value of 5 dwts. to the ton. We hear from Australia that our Consulting Expert, Mr. J. W. Roberts, considered this a most encouraging result, as when cut some 50 feet above, the reef was barren of gold. On the 27th ult., we received a telegram from our agent in Sydney which we published in the papers, to the effect that a new reef had been cut, also in the West cross-cut, five feet wide, an average sample of which had assayed 33 dwts. to the ton. We have not yet received full particulars of this new strike by letter, but we may say that we regard this as of the highest possible importance. It makes our prospects appear very bright indeed, and not only that, but the 'Queen,' being the deepest shaft on the field, it seems to point to the presence of good gold all over the Mount at a greater depth than has yet been attained. I do not think I need detain you longer, gentlemen; as soon as we receive further particulars from Australia they shall be circulated to the Shareholders, and, meantime, I think we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the promising results already achieved. There is one other matter to which I have to refer, namely, to the election of a Consulting Committee. The Articles of Association provide that the Consulting Committee shall consist of Mr. S. Rustomjee and any other members appointed by the Shareholders in Meeting. I think it would be advisable to appoint another gentleman to consult with us and advise us in your interests, and would suggest the name of Mr. C. Ewens. I therefore propose that Mr. Ewens be elected to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Mancell seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman—That is all the business. Thank you for your attendance.

CHINESE PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The second ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the Company's office No. 9, Praya Central, at noon to-day. Mr. R. Shewan presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. H. Lewis, J. S. Van Buren, Chan Fung Shang, Chow Hing Kee (directors), C. Ewens (solicitor), A. Babbington (secretary), C. A. Tomes, Murray Bain, T. E. Davies, C. Klinck, E. G. Kelly, A. H. Hewitt, H. Wicking, F. G. George, Fung Wa-chun, Chow Hou-wa, Sin Un, and Yung Ping Cho.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, in the ordinary course of events we should not have come before you till 3 months later, but this being the first year of the Company we thought that Shareholders would like to know a little sooner how we are getting on. Accordingly we now present account to 31st December last, which having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, dispense with the formality of reading. The period under review from the day the final call was paid is just 9 months, and when you consider that of that time much was necessarily lost in getting our funds safely and profitably invested, you will agree with us that for the first few months of the Company's existance it has done very well to gross such an income as nearly $34,000.00. For a first year when there are generally very heavy preliminary expenses to be faced, our expenditure for legal and other charges cannot but be deemed moderate, nothing whatever having been spent for promoting money, underwriting &c. While on this subject I may mention that as it is not the intention to fill up the vacancy on the Consulting Committee, caused by the death of Mr. Wong Hoi Chow the fee will be proportionately reduced. Turning to the accounts, I see nothing in them which requires explanation or comment except perhaps the items of Sundry Creditors and Sundry Debtors, the amounts against which have since been respectively collected and paid off. When we met here in June last, I said we had $105,000,00 lent out on provident loans and $326,000,00 on short loans, and you will see from the accounts that, as we anticipated our loans on the provident system have increased to $334,589.00 on 31st December, while we have had to correspondingly reduce our loans on goods, etc., which we only resorted to in order to keep our funds employed. To-day our provident loans amount to $33,809.72 with about $75,000 more promised—so it is quite apparent that this system of borrowing has become popular and that to meet the demand for such accomodation, our present resources are quite insufficient. In the present state of the money market in this colony, we do not think it advisable to attempt a further issue of capital at present and we see no course open to us but to appeal to all our shareholders and friends to do their best to place our 6% per cent. debenture bonds with the public. To those who study safety for their investments these bonds should certainly offer favourable inducements as the security offered is first class, for besides our capital, which is intact, they have a futher guarantee of half a million dollars still uncalled. The safety of their money is therefore fully assured as any loan could well be, while a return of a clear 6% is not to be despised and is just about double what could be got for the same money at home. We have not sold many of these bonds hitherto, but we feel that the time has now come for us to make a greater effort to do so, as our business is increasing, and with the certainty of a greater and greater demand during the present year, we must put ourselves in a position to cope with it. I hope that not only you who have come here to-day but all of our shareholders will lay these considerations to heart, and heartily assist us to get more of those bonds placed. An important point about which we have been asked is the valuation of the properties we advance against, and I take this opportunity of assuring shareholders that this is very carefully done and that we take the greatest care when arranging a loan to see that we have a proper margin which we can fall back on in the event of the borrower failing to pay his monthly instalment on its due date. So far I am glad to say, we have had no difficulty in this respect. You must bear in mind too, that every monthly payment, by reducing the debt, increases the margin in hand, a state of affairs which is as satisfactory I think as any lender could wish for. Furthermore, real estate, as you all know, has arisen during the past year and is still steadily rising. You may rest assured that everything is being done with a due regard to prudence and the protection of the capital you have invested in the Company. It has been suggested that we should pay interim half-yearly dividends, and if we continue as we are doing I see no reason why we should not follow the suggestion.

There being no questions, the report and statement of accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Davies.

On the motion of Mr. Murmy Bain seconded by Mr. Klinke, Messrs. J. H. Lewis, J. E. Van Buren, Chow Hing Kee, and Chan Yung Shang were re-elected on the consulting committee.

On the motion of Mr. Wicking, seconded by Mr. Kelley, Messrs. F. Henderson and W. H. Potts were re-elected auditors.

This was all the business. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

"THE YELLOW DWARF."

Last night the Amateur Dramatic Club gave another performance of their pantomime at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, especially for Soldiers and Sailors. "Jack" and "Tommy" readily availed themselves of the opportunity offered, and the theatre was crowded. A more enthusiastic audience it would be difficult to find anywhere, for they encored the songs and dances until the management began to fear that the piece would never be got through in one evening. Several alterations had been made for the occasion and the local hits and jokes had a service flavour about them that quite won the hearts of the audience. The men fairly bubbled with merriment the whole evening and the reference to the steam trials of the destroyers *Tamar* and *Mearnes* tickled them immensely, as also did the arrival of the King and Queen, seated on an anchor, in the Transformation Scene, dressed as a soldier and sailor respectively. The song "A very, very long, long time" was particularly well received, the new verses added for the occasion fairly bringing down the house. The next performance will take place to-morrow night.

FOOTBALL.

THE ENGINEERS PLAY A GOOD GAME.

Our prognostication concerning the result of the Shield tie played by the Royal Engineers and D. Company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was more than verified by the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley yesterday. The Fusiliers played far from a good game, and on paper it would appear that the Engineers are not entitled to the above encomium; but a team which considers itself good enough to enter for a football competition, we were going to say, it matters not how badly its representatives perform, the opposing team must play a good game to come off best with 4 goals to nil. Undoubtedly the Engineers did play a good game, and their exhibition made that of the Fusiliers look all the more indifferent.

The positions of the players of each team were:—

(ENGINEERS.)

Ravenor.
Robinson. Throuhill.
Deine. Madigan. King.
Kerrigan. Lt. Brown. Dagnall. McConnell. Mather

Owners. O'Leary. Edwards. Hand. Evans.
Constant. Jones. Christiae.
Phillips. Waller.
May.

(FUSILIERS.)

The ball was started with the Engineers facing a rather strong north-east breeze, but it did not prevent them from making an early attack, enabling Kerrigan to centure the ball in a good position for Dagnall to shoot; he did so, but the ball rebounded off a Fusilier to O'Connell, who made a good attempt to score, but the ball struck the left goal-post. The Engineers were given two corners, which availed them little, for the Welsh cleared. The R.E's. pressed again, and two shots by them went over the bar. Then the Welsh got to the other end, but King and Mather were prominent in bringing the ball back, and from a centre by the latter a scramble took place in front of goal. Brown rushed the ball through the bunch and had a clear path for scoring, but he fell when on the point of kicking. A corner was given the Engineers, and Diene sent in a capital centre, which O'Connell headed through, "drawing first blood." The Welsh then assailed and Ravenor had to save; but the R. E's. attacked in turn and gave May a busy time, and he defended well. He was not equal to the occasion a minute later when Mather made a rush and headed the ball through from a short centre by Kerrigan. From now on to the call of half-time the leading team did nearly all the pressing, and when Mr. Brown blew his whistle the Engineers had two goals to their credit.

The Engineers would not be denied in their attack in the second half, and after about ten minutes' play Mather was in evidence with some good wing work, and enabled Brown to add another goal, giving their side a lead of 3 goals. The Welsh were now thoroughly beaten, although they were playing determinedly. Not long after the scoring of the third goal, a corner fell to the R.E's. and King put in a splendid centre, McConnell cleverly heading the ball past the goalkeeper. Mather might have added two more, but he utterly failed to put the ball through when not a dozen yards from the goal's mouth with not even the goalkeeper under the bar, and the game ended as stated—4 goals to nil. Dagnall, for the winners was as cool as possible, in the centre of the front line, but judiciously passed to his supporters on either side when he saw it was not possible to score. Lieut. Brown played a good game, closely followed by McConnell. All the back players were good, especially Thornhill, who knew when to use his speed and also do some tall kicking. Under the bar Ravenor was "as safe as a church." For the losers Evans, Hand, O'Leary and Phillips were the pick, who played a hard losing game.

38TH CO. R.A. *v.* H.M.S. "POWERFUL."

On the Happy Valley the above teams met to try conclusions in a game under Association rules, and the *Powerful* were vanquished. The beaten team failed to get all its best players together, whilst the winners were fairly well represented, and during the better part of the game did most attacking. As we said a few days since, if Christmas had a fast man opposing him he would not be as brilliant, and yesterday it happened so. Nicle was in very good form, and was ably backed up by Oliphant, but the opposition was too strong. Green, for the artillery excelled as centre forward, and if once allowed to get clear was very dangerous. His effort in scoring the third goal was well worth

watching, for when he cleared the backs no-one could catch him, and he beat the goalkeeper entirely. Kelly was the first to score for the R.A.'s, after some smart play, and Frost scored the second goal. If the *Powerful* team wishes to get further ahead in the rounds for the shield, the best side must be got together, or its representatives will find in either the Engineer's, Artillery's or Club teams hard nuts to crack.

D'ARC'S MARIONETTES.

If possible, the new Pantomime "Blue Beard" is drawing still larger houses than did its predecessor "Robinson Crusoe" did and last night was no exception to the rule. Owing to the Amateur Dramatic Club giving a special performance for soldiers and sailors, not so many were *en evidence* at the Bijou Theatre as ordinarily, but the Chinese turned up in force and the well deserved record of never having played but to crowded houses in Hongkong was kept up. Besides the Pantomime the programme has been slightly altered, new topical hits introduced, and the dresses of the models made smarter, so that as second or even third visit only helps one to more fully appreciate the wonders of this marvellous show. Mr. D'Arc, to mark his appreciation of the hearty welcome he has received in Hongkong is going to give a free entertainment to the charity school children of Hongkong next Saturday afternoon. He evidently knows the best way to give universal satisfaction both to the children and the British Public as well, as nothing will so soon open a Britisher's heart as consideration for children. Next Saturday night will be a "bumper" one, as T. E. Sir Henry and Lady Blake have consented to give the theatre their patronage on that date. We should strongly advise those of our readers who have not yet been to go then, and those who have been, to go again, and if they are not benefited by the hearty laugh, which is almost uncontrolable at Joey's and Cauliflower's antics, there will be by the music discoursed by Mr. Gonsalves on a piano which has been especially constructed for D'Arc and has the sweetest tone that it has been our privilege to hear for "a very, very long, long time."

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the Board of Directors in the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya, Hongkong, on Monday, the 27th February, at Noon :—

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you their Report, with a Statement of Accounts for the half-year ended 31st Dec. last. The net profit for the six months after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to $397,241.29

to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last Account 98,004.50

$495,245.79

and from this have to be deducted—

Directors' Fees	$7,000.00
Auditors' Fees	750.00
	7,750.00

leaving available for appropriation ... $487,495.79

The Directors recommend that a dividend for the half year of 8% or $125,000, and a bonus of 8% or $125,000 aggregating $250,000, be paid to the Shareholders, a bonus of $20,000, to Contributing Shareholders, Bonus of $25,000 to the European Staff of the Company, that $69,955.94 be written from the value of Kowloon Docks, $25,343 from Cosmopolitan Dock, $5,000 from the Steam Launches, and the balance $92,194.75 be carried to the new account.

The large amount of new construction and repairs which have passed through our hands during the six months just closed have kept all our workshops more than fully employed, and in order to overtake the pressure of business it has been found necessary to keep both workmen and machines on nightwork for some months, which clearly justifies the steps already taken by the Board to largely augment the facilities of our workshops at both the Kowloon and the Cosmopolitan establishments, and to accommodate some large vessels now in course of construction for the Pacific Mail, the Board has decided to increase the length of the No. 1 dock by 50 feet.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. George B. Dodwell having left the Colony, Mr. E. S. Whealler was invited to the vacant seat on the Board.

In accordance with clause 60 of the Articles of Association Messrs. G. Beurmann and E. S. Whealler retire by rotation, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving has been appointed Chairman for the year 1899.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Thos. Arnold and Mr. S. G. Bird, the Directors recommend these gentlemen for re-election.

J. H. LEWIS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1899.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report for Presentation to the Shareholders at the Thirtieth Ordinary Meeting, to be held at the Company's Offices on Monday, the 13th March, at noon :—The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their Annual Report and Statement of the Company's Accounts made up to 31st December last.

1897.—The Balance at Credit of Working Account as per last Report was $237,802.90

Add Premia since received 3,366.10

$241,169.00

Deduct Claims paid in 1898	$ 54,366.25
Deduct Return Premia, &c., &c.	5,451.65
	59,817.90
Balance of Profit	$181,351.10

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows: $120,000 to Shareholders as Dividend for the year, at the rate of $6 per share; $4,379 as Bonus to Contributors of Premia; and the balance, $56,972.10, to the credit of Extra Reserve Fund Account, which the Directors trust will meet with approval.

1898.—The Balance at credit of Working Account at the close of this year was $120,486.20, which is considerably smaller than usual, due to the numerous losses which have occurred at Agencies, but it is hoped that the Account will not suffer any further serious diminution.

DIRECTORS.

On his return to the Colony, Mr. A. McConachie was invited to resume his seat at the Board, which Shareholders will be asked to confirm.

Messrs. Sharp and Beurmann retire by rotation, being eligible, the former gentleman offers himself for re-election, but not Mr. Beurmann, owing to his approaching departure from the Colony.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. J. H. Cox and W. Hutton Potts have audited the annexed accounts and offer themselves for re-election.

SECRETARY.

Owing to the unsatisfactory state of Mr. Coughtrie's health, the Board granted him leave of absence last Summer on a Medical Certificate, and at the Meeting the Directors intend to submit to the Shareholders a proposal to grant him a retiring allowance of £400 per annum.

N. A. SIEBS,
Chairman.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirtieth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Managers, on Wednesday, the 1st March, at noon :—The General Managers and Consulting Committee beg to present to the Shareholders the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Company. 1897 Account.—This account shows a profit of $225,522.40, which sum, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz.:—

Bonus to Contributing Shareholders, ...	$ 6,970.16
Addition to Reserve Fund,	22,552.24
Dividend of $24.50 per Share, ...	196,000.00
	$225,522.40

1898 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is $296,540.66. Mortgages.—From the reports and valuations made by the Company's Surveyors the General Managers and Consulting Committee are satisfied that the properties held by the Company form ample security for the advances made. Consulting Committee.—Messrs Maitland and Ross having left the Colony, Messrs S. G. Bird and C. H. Thompson were nominated for the vacant seats; these appointments require the confirmation of Shareholders. The present Members, Messrs Chater, Lewis, Raymond, Bird and Thompson retire, but offer themselves for re-election. Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs Fullerton Henderson and W. Hutton Potts and their re-election is recommended.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1899.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to shareholders at the Twelfth Ordinary Annual Meeting, to be held at the Company's office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 11 a.m., on Monday, the 20th February :—

The Directors have now to submit to Shareholders their Report with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1898.

ACCOUNTS.

The gross Revenue derived from Wharfage, Landing, &c., amounted in 1898 to $604,934.76 as against $398,749.95 the previous year, shewing an increase of $206,184.81 and the profit on Working was $216,053.38 as compared with $126,445.28 in 1897 being an increase of $89,608.10.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss after paying Interim Dividend of 3% and including $9,808.51 brought forward from last year is $159,952.94 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows :

Directors' and Auditor's fees	$ 6,500.00
Final Dividend of 7%	70,000.00
Transfer to Depreciation and Repair Account	20,000.00
Write off Railways and Rolling Stock	4,000.00
Write off Launches	3,862.64
" Lighters	4,541.98
" West Point Wharf	3,000.00
" Furniture and Plant	3,503.93
Carry forward to new account	44,541.39
	$159,952.94

BUSINESS.

The volume of the Company's business during 1898 was considerably greater than in any previous year but a large proportion of the increase was due to the War in the Philippines which caused a temporary transfer of trade from Manila to Hongkong.

LAND.

The Company has recently acquired :—

K. I. L. 409 Area 21,788 Sq. feet.
K. I. L. 411 Area 39,969 Sq. feet.
K. I. L. 415 Area 33,750 Sq. feet.

95,507 Sq. feet.

BUILDINGS.

A new two storeyed godown is in course of erection on M. L. 20 at Kowloon. At West Point the two godowns referred to in last Report have been completed and four Chinese Houses are being built at the corners of the Company's property there.

LAUNCHES.

A new tug named the "Stork" was completed in March last.

LIGHTERS.

Six new cargo boats were built during the year. In consequence of the exorbitant charge made at times by native Lightermen it has been decided to still futher add to the Company's fleet of boats.

WHARVES.

There have been no exceptional alterations or repairs to the wharves. A small new wooden one to carry the Sheer Legs is in course of of construction.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. G. D. Boening, Mr. St. C. Michaelsen and Mr. A. Ross having resigned on leaving the Colony their places have been taken respectively by Mr. P. Sachse, Mr. A. Haupt and Mr. C. H. Thompson and the appointments of these gentlemen require confirmation.

Mr. C. Beurmann and Mr. E. S. Whealler retire in rotation according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. F. Henderson and W. H. Potts have audited the accounts now presented, and the Directors recommend them for re-election.

J. J. BELL-IRVING,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1899.

MUD FLAT NORTH.

TIENTSIN, January 23rd.

We may be on the eve of some events, and I devoutly hope so, but I cannot pretend to really predict. The air is alive with suggestions and rumours however, and I do know that there is a pretty lively attempt being made just now on the part of influential Germans to obtain possession of the northern railways. Chang Yin Mao, who is very wealthy and progressive, drives a stunning turn out, lives in a gorgeous mansion, with a large theatre attached etc., is codirector of the railways with H. E. Hü and Wu Juin-pah. He is moreover cats-paw and confidential hob-nobber to M. Detring, and in that gentleman's interest is now trying to work the oracle in Peking so that Hü and Wu Juin-pah are out of it. But from all I hear the oracle is not working, and instead Mr. Chang Yin Mao is in no small danger of losing buttons, feathers and office for his pains. The Chinese have just sense enough to know that the introduction of German interest will probably mean also the introduction of German engineers and constructors and the putting out of joint of Mr. Kinder's nose, and that they do not wish, as Mr. Kinder has not only Chinese approval to support him, but he has already been the subject of British parliamentary discussion, and it might make things uncomfortable if his position were interfered with. Herein the Chinese are wise. It certainly would. I do not therefore fancy that Mr. Detring's, or perhaps I should call it, Mr. Chang's little scheme will come off. But it shows how the wind blows. Wu Juin-pah has of course the support of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Chang Yin Mao has that of the German Bank.

Another report brought down from Peking was to the effect that during the present week the Empress Dowager intended calling a meeting of all the princes and chief officials to consider the advisability of appointing a successor to the Emperor. But I do not think there is any truth in it. There is, it is true *some* secret movement on in the Palace, about which some mystery is being made, but I do not think it has anything to do with the Emperor.

However, as you well know, we live on a volcano here and at any moment the most unexpected event might be happen.

Li Hung Chang does not appear to have made himself any more popular by his trip to Shantung, and his name stinketh loudly in the nostrils of his countrymen both in Peking and here. His enmines in the Capital are taking care that his name shall not be as sweet incense before the Dowager during his absence, and locally he has stirred up the mud of disapproval by making his tour of inspection a royal progress, for which Chihli and Shantung officialdom has had to pay the piper, handsomely. He has not returned yet, and the date of his arrival is uncertain.

The Russo-Chinese Bank has been advertising in the local Chinese paper for labourers to construct the embankment of the Manchurian railway. They offer 10 mace per 10ft. square by one foot high, the workmen supplying their own tools This does not seem very fat pay, but may possibly be better than it sounds. They are also inviting the Chinese most pressingly to return to Port Arthur with their families and settle there, and are offering to engage them at a rate of 240 cash per day if they will come. The Chinese do not rise to the bait however. They are beginning to "Ware Russians." As they find that while they give with one hand they take with the other.

A valiant attempt is being made to float the Tientsin Hotel now as a public company. If the Peiho ever realizes the fond expectations of those who have its education in hand, the Hotel will be a very paying concern no doubt, as it faces on the bund and is bound to catch all the steamer custom. But there are those of us who have our doubts about the river, and consequently our doubts about several other matters. There is no reason why another hotel, under really good management in a good situation, with a thoroughly good table, warm rooms, cool rooms, good attendance and moderate charges should not pay, as in the season the Astor House is always full to overflowing, and of course the Astor House is not the pattern hotel of the East. That distinction as I have said before, rests with the Grand in Yokohama. Not even the Hongkong Hotel, good as that is, can enter the lists with the Grand. But we cannot expect a Grand Hotel in Mud Flat North until we get a "globe trotting circulation" and if ever that takes place it will be after a few or at least one of those interesting railways to the South are constructed.

Peking has sent Tientsin a challenge for the China New Year, to polo, football, bicycle, skate, billiard, etc etc, anything and everything in fact, even to tug of war. There is to be a meeting to-night to discuss Tientsin's preparedness to take up the glove. It will be sure to result in acceptance and from the 9th to the 12th of next month we shall be quite gay again. Next Saturday our local defenders, the Volunteers, give a smoker and on the 8th a ball, which will bring them prominently before the public in a popular sense.

January 28th.

The challenge has been accepted as I thought, but no details are as yet arranged. The entertainment of the visitors will probably include a burnt cork show and private theatricals.

It is not often we have anything really sensational in Tientsin, but the Community has been much disturbed this week by the terrible suicide of a lady, who, acting under some inexplicable frenzy, cut her throat on Wednesday evening. The unfortunate woman was known to be somewhat eccentric though brilliantly clever, but the dreadful occurrence cast a gloom over our small circle. Another very sudden death also occurred this week, Mr. Hawkes, formerly of H.M.S. *Leander*, and since 1894 gymnastic instructor at the College here, dying suddenly of heart disease.

The German community have just celebrated the Kaiser's birthday in grand style. A torch-light procession on Thursday evening, really a very picturesque affair; and yesterday a parade, tiffin, theatricals and a dance, so they are strictly loyal. They are also strictly exclusive. They keep entirely to themselves and never "chip in" with British doings or seek to include us in theirs, which many of us consider a great pity, especially if, as suggested, we are to form a political combination in the Far East. One is tempted to question if we ever shall. The Germans have rather a way of their own in doing things. They have a fine concession here as I think I have already mentioned, and have lost no time in making magnificent roads in it and establishing a military police. But no German is living there or showing the least inclination to do so. They prefer "our side of the walk." But what they have done, or a certain German firm, is to build a number of brothels in the British Extra-Concession, which are as much a menace to the comfort of the neighbourhood as they are apparently a profit to their owner. There are frequent rows in the locality, and this week there appears to have been quite a serious fracas over some thieves reported to be hidden in the place. The Chinese Magistrate appears to have exceeded his authority and to have forced his way into the houses, while some allege the opportunity was seized to carry off some of the girls who are now being held as hostage.

News is just to hand of a riot at Ningpo over the opening of mines in that direction. That is the sort of thing we may expect when the great P. M. who is also M.P. begins his operations, not to mention the Peking Syndicate. I refuse to believe that the people are the real culprits. They are merely the tools of some official for whom the mines have spelled some loss or disappointment, and I know in the case of the Shansi concession there will be several powerful officials who will find the operations of the Syndicate anything but to their advantage.

No mail has left this for a fortnight, and we have been almost entirely without news from the south, except that which drags its way wearily over land, with a heavy "bill of costs" attached thereto. Happy Hongkong! you have now your penny post to the Home Land! May it bring you much joy and no disappointment. Can't say anything pleasanter, Pity us writhing here in green-eyed envy. We not only pay ten times as much for *our* Mails but have them tapped for us in Hongkong as well! It's like taking a lottery ticket now posting a letter, as we never know for certain whether it will ever arrive.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY,

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer	30.141
Thermometer	57.3
Humidity	79.0
Rainfall	1.76

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.03	29.95
Thermometer	58	59
Humidity	91	96
Rainfall	0.01	—

TO-DAY.

Friday, 17th February, 1899.

Chinese—*8th of 1st moon of 25th year of Kwang-sü.*
Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 19min.*
Sets *5hr. 40min.*
Moon—*First Quarter 3hr. 29min. p.m.*
High water—*Morning* *2hr. 12min.*
Afternoon *1hr. 40min.*
Low water—*Morning* *6hr. 36min.*
Afternoon *9hr. 24min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1564—Michael Angelo died.
1843—Defeat of the Scinde Chiefs at Meeanee by Sir Charles Napier.
1848—New Colours presented to the 95th Regiment at Hongkong.
1861—Duchess of Albany born.
1865—Charleston and Wilmington occupied by the Federals.
1880—Attempted assassination of the Czar.
1897—Capture of Benin.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 18th February, 1899.

Chinese—*9th of 1st moon of 25th year of Kwang-sü.*
Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 19min.*
Sets *5hr. 41min.*
High water—*Morning* *4hr. 2min.*
Afternoon *2hr. 36min.*
Low water—*Morning* *6hr. 46min.*
Afternoon *11hr. 20min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1546—Martin Luther died.
1835—The crew of the *Argyll* released by the Chinese authorities.
1841—A boat of the *Nemesis* fired upon at Wangtong Island.
1883—The U.S.S. *Ashuelot* wrecked on East Lammock.
1884—Telegraphic communication between Haiphong and Saigon established.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian *(Chelydra)* 21st inst.
Canadian *(Empress of Japan)* 21st inst.
American *(Nippon Maru)* 22nd inst.
Australian *(Omi Maru)* 28th inst.
American *(City of Rio de Janeiro)* 2nd prox.
American *(Coptic)* 11th prox.

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THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Kasuga Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port-to-day, the 17th, and is expected to arrive here on the 21st instant.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" line steamer *Benlarig* from Antwerp and London, left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 16th instant.

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THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Yamaguchi Maru* (American Line) left Kobe *via* Moji for this port yesterday, the 16th, and is expected here about the 23rd instant.

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THE Canadian-Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, arrived at Nagasaki at 5 p.m. yesterday, the 16th, and left again at 7 a.m. to-day, the 17th, for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m. to-morrow, the 18th instant.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

H.I.G.M.S. Kaiser ...	at	Kowloon	Dock.
Athenian	"	"	"
Isla de Cuba	"	"	"
Isla de Luzon	"	"	"
Monmouthshire	"	"	"
Beechdale	"	"	"
Hue	"	"	"
H.I.G.M.S. P. Whelm	"	"	"
Trym	"	"	"
Clara	"	"	"
Tatchlow	"	"	"
H.I.G.M.S. Moewe ...	"	"	"
St. Mark	"	"	"
D. Juan d'Austria	"	Cosmopolitan	"
China	"	"	"
Phra Nang	"	"	"
Australian	"	"	"
Phra Chula	"	Aberdeen	"
Shantung	"	"	"

Entertainment.

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At the Special Request and under the Patronage of
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will give Two Extra Performance of the Pantomine
'THE YELLOW DWARF'
TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), 18th February, 1899,
at 8.30 P.M.
and
SATURDAY, 25th February, 1899,
at 8.30 P.M.

Dress Circle	$3
Stalls	2
Pit	1

Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform to the Pit.

The Ticket Office will be Opened at 10 A.M., on WEDNESDAY, 15th February, and will continue Open each Day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Late Trams to the Peak.

H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [206a

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VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1899. [231a

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 63.

THE following Particulars and Condition of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on
MONDAY,
the 20th day of February, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [212a

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Rural Building Lot No. 93.	Barker Road	221	130	130	116	24,300	160	2,926

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 64.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on
TUESDAY,
the 21st day of February, 1899, at 11 A.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [219a

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale to be held on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1899, at 11 A.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND, at Mong Kok Tsui, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurement. N.	N.E.	S.E.	S.W.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 83.	Mong-kok-tsui.	50 137	323	390	113	72,400	500	8,688

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Private offers for the purchase of the vessel will be entertained in the meantime.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [211a

To be Let.

TO LET FROM 1ST MARCH.

THE COMMODIOUS OFFICES on the GROUND FLOOR of No. 9, Praya Central, now occupied by Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd.

Apply to
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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1899. [167a

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Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [12

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M., on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd instants, respectively.

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T. E. SANSOM,
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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
J. G. F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
S. CHOH,
Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1899. [228a

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1899. [218a

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1899. [101a

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KASUGA MARU..... E. W. Haswell	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 24th February, at 4 P.M.
HITACHI MARU C. Hillcoat.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	THURSDAY, 2nd March, at 4 P.M.
OMI MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 3rd March, at 4 P.M.

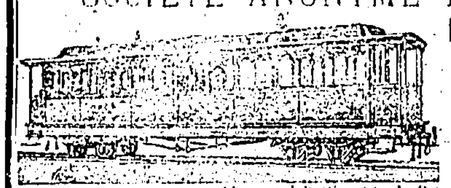
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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1899. [6

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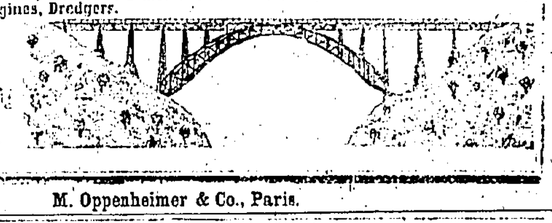


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Hongkong, 15th March, 1898. [42

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GOLD MEDALS
Bordeaux, 1862. Paris, 1869.

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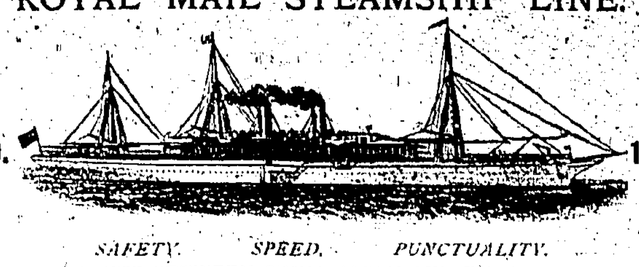
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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Hongkong, 15th February, 1899. *Pedder's Street.* [3

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TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, 4th March, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 30th March, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 25th April, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"NIPPON MARU,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 4th March, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [1310

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [45

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
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"BALLAARAT,"

Captain C. L. W. Field, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *via* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [5

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.
VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FROM VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Tacoma ...	3,811	A. Dixon.....	Feb. 25.
Glenogle...	3,750	J. McGillivray...	Mar. 21.
Olympia...	2,837	J. Truebridge ...	April 1.
Victoria ...	3,502	J. Panton.....	April 25.

ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
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*Monmouthshire**	2,874	W.A.Evans	Feb. 18.
Lennox	3,677	Williamson	Mar. 11.
Columbia	2,926	N. Moneur.	April 5.
Monmouthshire	2,874	W.A.Evans	May 6.
Lennox.....	3,677	Williamson	June 3.

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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.
For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1899. [4

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A1 British Bark

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For Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1899. [1533

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
SERBIA Ostermann.....	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 10th March.	Freight.
*SILESIA..... Behrens	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 15th March.	Freight and Pasmge.
SUEVIA Foerck	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 22nd March.	Freight.
WITTENBERG... Madsen	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 30th March.	Freight.
NURNBERG V. Binzer	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 8th April.	Freight.

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [981

U.S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Ettrickdale (via Moji, Kobe & Yokohama)	Tuesday, 21st Feb., at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 14th March, at Noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....	Saturday, 8th April, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Chartered Steamship

"ETTRICKDALE,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* MOJI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 21st February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [1

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan PORTS and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Shanghai			Feb. 20
Belgian King.....			Mar. 15
Carmarthenshire...			Mar. 31
Carlisle City			April 15

THE Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For futher information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [1530

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Sunday, 26th Feb., at Daylight.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Tuesday, 21st March, at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Saturday, 15th April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 26th February, at Daylight.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1899. [2

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NOTICE

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen	Wednesday	1st March.
Bayern.....	Wednesday	29th March.
Prinz Heinrich...	Wednesday	26th April.
Preussen	Wednesday	24th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHEN," Captain H. Suppner, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 27th instant. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 28th instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

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